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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Richard Cramer, Robert Jilek, Qian Liu, Stefan  
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TITLE : A Method For Searching Heterogenous Compound  
Databases Using Topomeric Shape Descriptors and  
Pharmacophoric Features

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TO: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED May 20, 2005

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated May 20, 2005. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to November 20, 2005 along with the required fee. This Response is being timely filed on November 21, 2005, the first business day the Office is open after November 20, 2005 which date fell on a Sunday.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.